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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 30-32, 34-39, 43 and 48-59 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33, 40, 41 and 44-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment of 11/25/05 has been received and reviewed. Applicant cancelled claims 1-29 and submitted new claims 30-59.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 32, 45, and 54 are objected to because of the following informalities: claim 32, line 3: delete "essential" and insert --essentially--; claim 45 recites the same structural elements as claim 44 and is therefore redundant. Claim 54 contains awkward sentence structure. It appears that the "and/or" should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 33, 41, 44, 45, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 44 and 45 recite the limitation "the extension" in line 4. Claims 41 and 47 recite "the index finger". There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims.

3. Claim 33 recites a "predetermined, particularly impressed, folding edge". It is unclear what specific structural element is recited by the phrase "particularly impressed".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 40, 41, 46, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan (U.S. 666,853). Morgan discloses the invention as claimed. Morgan teaches a glove which could be used by goal keepers, the glove includes a inner hand part A, which substantially covers at least the inner side of a hand, at least one outer hand part C or E which at least substantially covers the outside of the hand, and the inner hand part has a thumb area B or B' which encloses the thumb. The inner hand part possesses an extension b or e which projects from the thumb area and covers an area behind the thumb area when folded. Figure 3 shows an embodiment where an edge of the extension b of the inner hand part A forms a prolongation of the outer edge area of the index finger area which is remote from the middle finger area, so that at the index finger side and thumb side of the inner hand part, a continuous and even edge of the border of the inner hand part is formed. The embodiment of Figure 9 shows extension e' connected to the thumb area side remote from the inner thumb area

but contiguous with the outer thumb area. The extension e' covers an area on the side remote from the palm area in the direction toward the back of hand bone belonging to the index finger.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 42 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. Claims 30-32, 34-39, 43, and 48-59 are allowed (see claim objections).
8. Claims 33, 44, 45 (see objection) and 54 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st or 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

9. Please note relevant patent U.S. 6,125,473 to Hochmuth.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Primary Examiner Katherine Moran at (571) 272-4990. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, and alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert, may be reached at (571) 272-4983. The official and after final fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is (571) 273-8300. General information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Group Receptionist at (571) 272-3700.

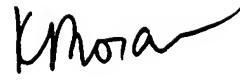
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Katherine Moran

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